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Subject: FW: FW: Aquila Resources Inc's - Back Forty Project

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Dear Mr. Dragiewicz:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Aquila Resources Back Forty project and the status of the permitting actions. Below is the current information we have on the permitting actions and EPA's involvement. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thanks.

Constantine Blathras

EPA Region 5

Aquila Resources Mining Project

Aquila Resources Inc., Back Forty Project P0670 submitted an air pollution permit to install application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on November 12, 2015. The project is for an open pit metallic mineral mine (mining gold, silver, copper, zinc, and lead) in Menominee County. The proposed project is expected to be below the major source thresholds for the Federal air permitting program requirements. MDEQ provided a copy of the application on its website on 12/11/15, and also submitted it to the Class I Federal Land Managers for review.

MDEQ is planning a joint permitting process with other media. The application is currently under review. MDEQ has stated that the public hearing for the NPDES permit (MI0059945) will be part of the consolidated public hearing on all of the permits MDEQ is working on. EPA has oversight of the MDEQ's NPDES permitting process and is reviewing the NPDES permit.

MDEQ will public notice a draft of the NPDES permit, and EPA will comment, as appropriate, during the public comment period. At this time, we do not know exactly when the permit will go on public notice. EPA will review the application available online, and will review all the draft permits once they are made available during the public comment period. EPA permit staff has had conference calls with Aquila Resources representatives to discuss the mine's outreach efforts to the local community and Tribes.

From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 10:08 PM
To: R5Hotline <R5Hotline@epa.gov>
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Hi EPA,

Has the EPA started to review the mine permit application that Aquila Resources Inc filed with the State of Michigan in November, 2015? Aquila calls this proposed mine the "Back Forty Project". It's located near Stephenson, MI.

If so, how do I find online information about the EPA's work status on this proposed sulfide mine?

If not, when does the EPA get involved in this kind of project?

Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is reviewing the mine permit application now.

Thanks,

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